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***AN ACT CONCERNING THE ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN  
DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17b-7a of the 2010 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
3 (*Effective from passage*):

4 The Commissioner of Social Services shall develop a state-wide  
5 fraud early detection system. The purpose of such system shall be to  
6 identify, investigate and determine if an application for assistance  
7 under programs administered by the department, including, but not  
8 limited to, (1) the temporary family assistance program, (2) the  
9 supplemental nutrition assistance program, (3) the child care subsidy  
10 program, or (4) the Medicaid program pursuant to Title XIX of the  
11 Social Security Act is fraudulent prior to granting assistance. The  
12 commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with chapter 54,  
13 for the purpose of developing and implementing said system. [The  
14 commissioner shall submit quarterly reports concerning savings  
15 realized through the implementation of the state-wide fraud early  
16 detection system to the joint standing committees of the General

17 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
18 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies.]

19 Sec. 2. Section 17b-14 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
20 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

21 The Commissioner of Social Services shall report in writing within  
22 [five] thirty days to the president pro tempore of the Senate, the  
23 speaker of the House of Representatives, the majority leaders of the  
24 Senate and House of Representatives and the minority leaders of the  
25 Senate and House of Representatives, whenever the federal  
26 government notifies the commissioner that sanctions or fines or both  
27 are likely to be imposed, or have been imposed, against any program  
28 under the jurisdiction of the commissioner. Any such report shall  
29 include, but not be limited to, a description of the circumstances which  
30 resulted in such sanction or fine or both and shall set forth the course  
31 of action the commissioner proposes to mitigate or to eliminate the  
32 circumstances which resulted in such sanction or fine or both.

33 Sec. 3. Section 17b-26 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
34 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

35 (a) The Department of Social Services shall act as the single state  
36 agency to coordinate, plan and publish annually the state social  
37 services plan for the implementation of social services block grants and  
38 community services block grants as required by federal law and  
39 regulation. Said department shall furnish copies of said plan to the  
40 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance  
41 of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
42 and human services, at least sixty days prior to publication, for their  
43 review and recommendations, and shall consult with and furnish to  
44 said committees any additional information on such plan which they  
45 may request.

46 (b) The Department of Social Services shall provide for the  
47 development of all mandated outreach programs in accordance with

48 any mandate of the federal government as required by federal law and  
49 regulation for the implementation of social services block grants and  
50 community services block grants.

51 [(c) The Department of Social Services shall, on or before December  
52 fifteenth, annually, report to the Governor and said joint standing  
53 committees with regard to the activity of the department in the  
54 implementation of social services block grants and community services  
55 block grants, including but not limited to, fiscal data on expenditures  
56 of state and federal funds thereunder, and any recommendations for  
57 needed program legislation to insure the receipt of all federal funds  
58 available to the state from such grants.]

59 [(d)] (c) Any organization receiving block grants pursuant to this  
60 section shall be subject to the provisions of section 17b-99.

61 Sec. 4. Section 17b-29 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
62 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

63 (a) There is established a council to monitor the implementation of  
64 the temporary family assistance program and the employment services  
65 program. The council shall be composed of the chairmen and ranking  
66 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly  
67 having cognizance of matters relating to human services, or their  
68 designees, the chairmen and ranking members of the joint standing  
69 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
70 relating to labor, or their designees, one child care provider and one  
71 expert on child support enforcement, to be appointed by the president  
72 pro tempore of the Senate; one representative of advocacy groups, to  
73 be appointed by the majority leader of the Senate; two education and  
74 training specialists, one experienced in job training and one  
75 experienced in basic adult education, one to be appointed by the  
76 minority leader of the Senate and one to be appointed by the minority  
77 leader of the House of Representatives; one member of the public who  
78 is a current recipient of benefits under the temporary family assistance  
79 program, to be appointed by speaker of the House of Representatives;

80 and two members, one experienced in higher education programs and  
81 one experienced in teenage pregnancy issues, to be appointed by the  
82 majority leader of the House of Representatives. The council shall elect  
83 a chairperson from among its members. The council shall convene its  
84 first meeting not later than September 1, 1997.

85 (b) Beginning September 1, 1997, at meetings scheduled by the  
86 council, the Commissioner of Social Services and the Labor  
87 Commissioner shall update the council on the implementation of the  
88 temporary family assistance program and the employment services  
89 program. The council shall submit recommendations to the  
90 department regarding, but not limited to, the availability of quality  
91 child care and the provision of seamless child care services, procedures  
92 for informing parents and teenagers about family planning and  
93 pregnancy prevention, client education regarding their rights and  
94 responsibilities, the effectiveness of child support enforcement, the  
95 effect of reduced exemptions, time limits and increased sanctions, the  
96 coordination with Medicaid managed care and health care reform  
97 measures and the fiscal impact of these program changes.

98 [(c) On January 1, 1998, and quarterly thereafter, the council shall  
99 submit a report to the General Assembly on the implementation of the  
100 temporary family assistance program and the employment services  
101 program.]

102 Sec. 5. Section 17b-114o of the general statutes is repealed and the  
103 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

104 The expenditure report relative to the temporary assistance for  
105 needy families block grant required to be submitted by the  
106 Commissioner of Social Services to the federal Department of Health  
107 and Human Services shall be transmitted to the joint standing  
108 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
109 relating to human services and appropriations and the budgets of state  
110 agencies within forty-five days of the date of such submission. [Such  
111 report for the last quarter of the fiscal year shall include the

112 identification of unliquidated obligations either identified in previous  
113 quarterly reports for the same fiscal year and claimed before the prior  
114 quarterly report or those not yet claimed by the commissioner for the  
115 purposes of receiving federal reimbursement. In the event that such  
116 report identifies any unliquidated obligations, the commissioner shall  
117 notify said committees of the commissioner's intention concerning the  
118 disposition of such unliquidated obligations, which may include  
119 establishing or contributing to a reserve account to meet future needs  
120 in the temporary family assistance program.]

121 Sec. 6. Section 17b-261d of the general statutes is repealed and the  
122 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

123 The Commissioner of Social Services may design and implement a  
124 care enhancement and disease management initiative, if such initiative  
125 is determined to be cost effective by the commissioner. The initiative  
126 shall provide for an integrated and systematic approach for managing  
127 the health care needs of high cost Medicaid recipients.  
128 Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, the  
129 commissioner may contract with an entity to effectuate the purposes of  
130 this section, provided such entity has an established and demonstrated  
131 capability in the design and implementation of a disease management  
132 initiative. [If implemented, the commissioner shall report annually on  
133 the status of the care enhancement and disease management initiative  
134 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having  
135 cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of  
136 state agencies and human services.]

137 Sec. 7. Section 17b-274a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
138 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

139 The Commissioner of Social Services may establish maximum  
140 allowable costs to be paid under the Medicaid, state-administered  
141 general assistance, ConnPACE and Connecticut AIDS drug assistance  
142 programs for generic prescription drugs based on, but not limited to,  
143 actual acquisition costs. The department shall implement and maintain

144 a procedure to review and update the maximum allowable cost list at  
145 least annually. [, and shall report annually to the joint standing  
146 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
147 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on its  
148 activities pursuant to this section.]

149 Sec. 8. Section 17b-277 of the 2010 supplement to the general statutes  
150 is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
151 *from passage*):

152 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall provide, in accordance  
153 with federal law and regulations, medical assistance under the  
154 Medicaid program to needy pregnant women whose families have an  
155 income not exceeding two hundred fifty per cent of the federal poverty  
156 level.

157 (b) The commissioner shall implement presumptive eligibility for  
158 appropriate pregnant women applicants for the Medicaid program in  
159 accordance with Section 1920 of the Social Security Act. The  
160 commissioner shall designate qualified entities to receive and  
161 determine presumptive eligibility under this section consistent with  
162 the provisions of federal law and regulations.

163 (c) On or before September 30, 2007, the Commissioner of Social  
164 Services shall submit a state plan amendment or, if required by the  
165 federal government, seek a waiver under federal law to provide health  
166 insurance coverage to pregnant women, who do not otherwise have  
167 creditable coverage, as defined in 42 USC 300gg(c), and who have  
168 income above one hundred eighty-five per cent of the federal poverty  
169 level but not in excess of two hundred fifty per cent of the federal  
170 poverty level. Following approval of such state plan amendment or  
171 approval of such waiver application, the commissioner, on or before  
172 January 1, 2008, shall implement the provisions of subsections (a) and  
173 (b) of this section.

174 (d) Presumptive eligibility for medical assistance shall be

175 implemented for any uninsured newborn child born in a hospital in  
176 this state or a border state hospital, provided (1) the parent or  
177 caretaker relative of such child resides in this state, and (2) the parent  
178 or caretaker relative of such child authorizes enrollment in the  
179 program.

180 [(e) The commissioner shall submit biannual reports to the council,  
181 established pursuant to section 17b-28, on the department's compliance  
182 with the administrative processing requirements set forth in subsection  
183 (b) of this section.]

184 Sec. 9. Section 17b-278a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
185 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

186 The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid state  
187 plan to provide coverage for treatment for smoking cessation ordered  
188 by a licensed health care professional who possesses valid and current  
189 state licensure to prescribe such drugs in accordance with a plan  
190 developed by the commissioner to provide smoking cessation services.  
191 [The commissioner shall present such plan to the joint standing  
192 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
193 relating to human services and appropriations by January 1, 2003, and,  
194 if such plan is approved by said committees and funding is provided  
195 in the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, such plan shall  
196 be implemented on July 1, 2003.] If the initial treatment provided to the  
197 patient for smoking cessation, as allowed by the plan, is not successful  
198 as determined by a licensed health care professional, all prescriptive  
199 options for smoking cessation shall be available to the patient.

200 Sec. 10. Section 17b-297 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
201 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

202 (a) The commissioner, in consultation with the Children's Health  
203 Council, the Medicaid Managed Care Council and the 2-1-1 Infoline  
204 program, shall develop mechanisms to increase outreach and  
205 maximize enrollment of eligible children and adults in the HUSKY

206 Plan, Part A or Part B, including, but not limited to, development of  
207 mail-in applications and appropriate outreach materials through the  
208 Department of Revenue Services, the Labor Department, the  
209 Department of Social Services, the Department of Public Health, the  
210 Department of Children and Families and the Office of Protection and  
211 Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities. Such mechanisms shall seek to  
212 maximize federal funds where appropriate for such outreach activities.

213 (b) The commissioner shall include in such outreach efforts  
214 information on the Medicaid program for the purpose of maximizing  
215 enrollment of eligible children and the use of federal funds.

216 (c) The commissioner shall, within available appropriations,  
217 contract with severe need schools and community-based organizations  
218 for purposes of public education, outreach and recruitment of eligible  
219 children, including the distribution of applications and information  
220 regarding enrollment in the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B. In  
221 awarding such contracts, the commissioner shall consider the  
222 marketing, outreach and recruitment efforts of organizations. For the  
223 purposes of this subsection, (1) "community-based organizations" shall  
224 include, but not be limited to, day care centers, schools, school-based  
225 health clinics, community-based diagnostic and treatment centers and  
226 hospitals, and (2) "severe need school" means a school in which forty  
227 per cent or more of the lunches served are served to students who are  
228 eligible for free or reduced price lunches.

229 (d) The commissioner, in consultation with the Latino and Puerto  
230 Rican Affairs Commission, the African-American Affairs Commission,  
231 representatives from minority community-based organizations and  
232 any other state and local organizations deemed appropriate by the  
233 commissioner, shall develop and implement outreach efforts that  
234 target medically underserved children and adults, particularly Latino  
235 and other minority children and adults, to increase enrollment of such  
236 children and adults in the HUSKY Plan, Part A or Part B. Such efforts  
237 shall include, but not be limited to, developing culturally appropriate



238 outreach materials, advertising through Latino media outlets and other  
239 minority media outlets, and the public education, outreach and  
240 recruitment activities described in subsections (a) to (c), inclusive, of  
241 this section.

242 (e) All outreach materials shall be approved by the commissioner  
243 pursuant to Subtitle J of Public Law 105-33, as amended from time to  
244 time.

245 [(f) Not later than January 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the  
246 commissioner shall submit a report to the Governor and the General  
247 Assembly on the implementation of and the results of the community-  
248 based outreach programs specified in subsections (a) to (d), inclusive,  
249 of this section.]

250 Sec. 11. Section 17b-306a of the 2010 supplement to the general  
251 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
252 (*Effective from passage*):

253 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in collaboration with the  
254 Commissioners of Public Health and Children and Families, shall  
255 establish a child health quality improvement program for the purpose  
256 of promoting the implementation of evidence-based strategies by  
257 providers participating in the HUSKY Plan, Part A and Part B to  
258 improve the delivery of and access to children's health services. Such  
259 strategies shall focus on physical, dental and mental health services  
260 and shall include, but need not be limited to: (1) Methods for early  
261 identification of children with special health care needs; (2) integration  
262 of care coordination and care planning into children's health services;  
263 (3) implementation of standardized data collection to measure  
264 performance improvement; and (4) implementation of family-centered  
265 services in patient care, including, but not limited to, the development  
266 of parent-provider partnerships. The Commissioner of Social Services  
267 shall seek the participation of public and private entities that are  
268 dedicated to improving the delivery of health services, including  
269 medical, dental and mental health providers, academic professionals

270 with experience in health services research and performance  
 271 measurement and improvement, and any other entity deemed  
 272 appropriate by the Commissioner of Social Services, to promote such  
 273 strategies. The commissioner shall ensure that such strategies reflect  
 274 new developments and best practices in the field of children's health  
 275 services. As used in this section, "evidence-based strategies" means  
 276 policies, procedures and tools that are informed by research and  
 277 supported by empirical evidence, including, but not limited to,  
 278 research developed by organizations such as the American Academy  
 279 of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the  
 280 National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners and the Institute  
 281 of Medicine.

282 [(b) Not later than July 1, 2008, and annually thereafter, the  
 283 Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance with  
 284 section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
 285 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services,  
 286 public health and appropriations, and to the Medicaid Managed Care  
 287 Council on (1) the implementation of any strategies developed  
 288 pursuant to subsection (a) of this section, and (2) the efficacy of such  
 289 strategies in improving the delivery of and access to health services for  
 290 children enrolled in the HUSKY Plan.]

291 [(c)] (b) The Commissioner of Social Services, in collaboration with  
 292 the Medicaid Managed Care Council, shall, subject to available  
 293 appropriations, prepare, annually, a report concerning health care  
 294 choices under the HUSKY Plan, Part A. Such report shall include, but  
 295 not be limited to, a comparison of the performance of each managed  
 296 care organization, the primary care case management program and  
 297 other member service delivery choices. The commissioner shall  
 298 provide a copy of each report to all HUSKY Plan, Part A members.

299 Sec. 12. Section 17b-342a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
 300 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

301 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services shall, within available

302 appropriations, establish and operate a state-funded pilot program to  
303 allow persons who are sixty-five years of age or older and meet the  
304 eligibility requirements of the Connecticut home-care program for the  
305 elderly established under section 17b-342 to receive personal care  
306 assistance provided such services are cost effective as determined by  
307 the Commissioner of Social Services. Persons who receive personal  
308 care assistance services pursuant to the pilot program established by  
309 section 47 of public act 00-2 of the June special session\* shall be  
310 included as participants of the pilot program established pursuant to  
311 this section. Personal care assistance under the program may be  
312 provided by nonspousal family members of the recipient of services  
313 under the program.

314 (b) In conducting the pilot program, the commissioner or the  
315 commissioner's agent (1) may require as a condition of participation  
316 that participants in the pilot program disclose if a personal care  
317 assistant is a nonspousal family member, (2) shall monitor the  
318 provision of services under the pilot program, and (3) shall ensure the  
319 cost-effectiveness of the pilot program.

320 (c) The commissioner shall establish the maximum allowable rate to  
321 be paid for such services under the pilot program and may set a  
322 separate lower rate for nonspousal family members providing services  
323 as personal care assistants in the pilot program if deemed necessary by  
324 the commissioner to ensure cost effectiveness of the pilot program and  
325 to conduct the pilot program within available appropriations.

326 [(d) Not later than January 1, 2007, the Commissioner of Social  
327 Services shall submit a report on the pilot program to the joint  
328 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
329 matters relating to appropriations and human services and to the select  
330 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
331 relating to aging. The report shall include information on the quality of  
332 services provided under the pilot program and shall be submitted in  
333 accordance with section 11-4a.]

334 Sec. 13. Section 17b-366 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
335 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

336 [(a)] The Commissioner of Social Services may, within available  
337 appropriations, establish and operate a pilot program to allow  
338 individuals to receive assisted living services, provided by an assisted  
339 living services agency licensed by the Department of Public Health, in  
340 accordance with chapter 368v. In order to be eligible for the pilot  
341 program, an individual shall: (1) Reside in a managed residential  
342 community, as defined in section 19a-693; (2) be ineligible to receive  
343 assisted living services under any other assisted living pilot program  
344 established by the General Assembly; and (3) be eligible for services  
345 under the state-funded portion of the Connecticut home-care program  
346 for the elderly established under section 17b-342. The total number of  
347 individuals enrolled in said pilot program, when combined with the  
348 total number of individuals enrolled in the pilot program established  
349 pursuant to section 17b-365, shall not exceed seventy-five individuals.  
350 The Commissioner of Social Services shall operate said pilot program  
351 in accordance with the Medicaid rules established pursuant to 42 USC  
352 1396p(c), as from time to time amended.

353 [(b) The pilot program established pursuant to this section may  
354 begin operation on or after January 1, 2003. Not later than January 1,  
355 2005, the Commissioner of Social Services shall report, in accordance  
356 with section 11-4a, to the joint standing committees of the General  
357 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to public health,  
358 human services, appropriations and the budgets of state agencies on  
359 the pilot program.]

360 Sec. 14. Section 17b-495 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
361 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

362 (a) The commissioner may enter into an agreement with a fiscal  
363 intermediary which may be an agency of the state, or a person, firm or  
364 public or nonprofit corporation, for the administration of the whole or  
365 any part of the program. Any such contract shall be subject to the

366 provisions of sections 4a-57 and 4a-59, except that preference shall be  
367 given to persons, firms or corporations doing business in the state.

368 (b) The contract shall require the fiscal intermediary to submit  
369 quarterly reports to the commissioner on the operation of the program,  
370 including financial and utilization statistics as to drug use by  
371 therapeutic category, actuarial projections, an outline of problems  
372 encountered in the administration of the program and suggested  
373 solutions to the same and any recommendations to enhance the  
374 program.

375 (c) The commissioner shall verify the propriety and reasonableness  
376 of payments to providers, through field audit examinations and other  
377 reasonable means, to the extent possible within available  
378 appropriations. The commissioner shall submit an annual report, on or  
379 before February first of each year, to the Secretary of the Office of  
380 Policy and Management and the chairpersons of the joint standing  
381 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
382 relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies outlining  
383 the program for carrying out such verifications and including the  
384 results of such verifications.

385 [(d) The commissioner shall submit biannual reports, in accordance  
386 with section 11-4a, to the Governor and the chairpersons of the joint  
387 standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of  
388 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies  
389 and public health. Each report shall include a copy of the most recent  
390 report of the fiscal intermediary, if any, and (1) the number of  
391 consumers eligible for the program, (2) the number of consumers  
392 utilizing the program, (3) an outline of and a report on the educational  
393 outreach program, (4) the number of appeals, (5) an outline of  
394 problems encountered in the administration of the program and  
395 suggested solutions and any recommendations to enhance the  
396 program.]

397 Sec. 15. Section 17b-499a of the general statutes is repealed and the

398 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

399 (a) There is established a pharmacy outreach program, administered  
400 by participating manufacturers through a toll-free telephone number,  
401 for the purpose of assisting residents of this state in obtaining reduced  
402 cost or no cost prescription medications or nonprescription  
403 medications from participating manufacturers and educating such  
404 residents about all available programs in Connecticut relating to such  
405 medications. The department, within available appropriations, shall  
406 oversee such program.

407 (b) The pharmacy outreach program shall assist eligible persons in  
408 procuring free or low cost prescription medications or nonprescription  
409 medications by: (1) Evaluating the likelihood that such eligible person  
410 will qualify to receive reduced cost or no cost prescription medications  
411 or nonprescription medications from a participating manufacturer  
412 based upon such participating manufacturer's eligibility requirements  
413 for participation in such manufacturer's voluntary drug assistance  
414 program; (2) aiding eligible persons who qualify to receive such  
415 reduced cost or no cost prescription medications or nonprescription  
416 medications in receiving such medications from such participating  
417 manufacturers; and (3) assisting any physician licensed in this state  
418 with communications to any such participating manufacturer that  
419 concern the application of any such eligible person for participation in  
420 such participating manufacturer's voluntary drug assistance program.

421 (c) The pharmacy outreach program shall: (1) Create and maintain a  
422 state-wide toll-free telephone number staffed by individuals who are  
423 qualified to advise eligible persons on questions such persons may  
424 have about access to reduced cost or no cost prescription drugs or  
425 nonprescription drugs; (2) sponsor and organize materials and  
426 information, in conjunction with other organizations, concerning  
427 issues relating to access to affordable prescription medications; and (3)  
428 offer and provide information on prescription medications and  
429 nonprescription medications, including, but not limited to, information

430 on drug interactions and drug abuse.

431 [(d) Not later than January 15, 2006, and annually thereafter, upon  
432 the request of the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
433 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and general  
434 law, the Department of Social Services shall report, in accordance with  
435 section 11-4a, on the number of telephone calls received by the  
436 pharmacy outreach program, the number of prescriptions requested  
437 and issued through the program and any other information relating to  
438 the program that the department deems relevant.]

439 Sec. 16. Section 17b-602a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
440 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

441 [(a)] The Department of Social Services, in consultation with the  
442 Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the  
443 Community Mental Health Strategy Board established under section  
444 17a-485b, may seek approval of an amendment to the state Medicaid  
445 plan or a waiver from federal law, whichever is sufficient and most  
446 expeditious, to establish and implement a Medicaid-financed home  
447 and community-based program to provide community-based services  
448 and, if necessary, housing assistance, to adults with severe and  
449 persistent psychiatric disabilities being discharged or diverted from  
450 nursing home residential care.

451 [(b) On or before January 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the  
452 Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
453 Commissioner of Mental Health and Addiction Services, shall submit a  
454 report to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having  
455 cognizance of matters relating to public health, in accordance with the  
456 provisions of section 11-4a, on the status of any amendment to the state  
457 Medicaid plan or waiver from federal law pursuant to subsection (a) of  
458 this section and on the establishment and implementation of the  
459 program authorized under said subsection (a).]

460 Sec. 17. Section 17b-665 of the general statutes is repealed and the

461 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

462 [On July 1, 1991, and annually thereafter, the Department of Social  
463 Services shall report to the joint standing committees of the General  
464 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
465 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies concerning (1) the  
466 plans of the department to reduce the case loads of counselors of the  
467 Bureau of Rehabilitation Services to reflect the regional average for  
468 counselor case loads, (2) client information, including, but not limited  
469 to, the age, race, gender, nature of disabilities, placements and statistics  
470 on job retention and on the number of persons with disabilities in the  
471 state, (3) the department's efforts to insure that the proportion of  
472 disabled persons who are minorities, as defined in subsection (a) of  
473 section 32-9n, and who are served by the bureau is equivalent to the  
474 proportion of minorities within the total disabled population of the  
475 state and (4) the number, nature and resolution of complaints received  
476 by the bureau.]

477 The [department] Department of Social Services shall provide [each  
478 committee] the joint standing committees of the General Assembly  
479 having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
480 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies, in accordance with  
481 the provisions of section 11-4a, with a copy of the federal audit of the  
482 Bureau of Rehabilitation Services. [and in its initial report, the  
483 department shall advise the committees concerning the cost of the  
484 transfer from the Department of Education to the Department of Social  
485 Services.]

486 Sec. 18. Section 17b-749f of the general statutes is repealed and the  
487 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

488 (a) The Commissioner of Social Services, in consultation with the  
489 Commissioner of Education, shall develop and implement a  
490 performance-based evaluation system to evaluate licensed child day  
491 care centers, within available appropriations. Such a performance-  
492 based evaluation system shall be similar to the Head Start Performance



493 Standards in 45 CFR 1304.

494 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall conduct, within  
495 available appropriations, a longitudinal study that examines the  
496 developmental progress of children and their families both during and  
497 following participation in a child day care program.

498 [(c) The Commissioner of Social Services shall report to the General  
499 Assembly, in accordance with section 11-4a, on or before January 1,  
500 1998, on the implementation of the performance-based evaluation  
501 system and on the longitudinal study, and annually thereafter on the  
502 cumulative results of the evaluations.]

503 Sec. 19. Subsection (a) of section 17b-351 of the general statutes is  
504 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
505 *passage*):

506 (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of [sections] section 17b-8, [or  
507 17b-9,] any nursing home participating in the Title XVIII and Title XIX  
508 programs may, on a one-time basis, increase its licensed bed capacity  
509 and implement a capital construction project to accomplish such an  
510 increase without being required to request or obtain approval of the  
511 increase in services, licensed bed capacity or the capital expenditures  
512 program from the Department of Social Services provided that the  
513 project (1) shall not require licensure by the Department of Public  
514 Health of more than ten additional nursing home beds, and (2) the  
515 total capital cost of said program shall not exceed thirty thousand  
516 dollars per bed, adjusted for inflation annually by said department.

517 Sec. 20. Section 17b-105e of the 2010 supplement to the general  
518 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof  
519 (*Effective from passage*):

520 As used in sections 17b-105e to [17b-105i] 17b-105g, inclusive, as  
521 amended by this act:

522 (1) "Poverty reduction strategies" means a coordinated set of actions

523 which may include, but is not limited to, job search and work  
 524 experience; education and training, including adult basic education,  
 525 high school equivalency preparation, adult literacy classes, vocational  
 526 training and post-secondary education; payment of tuition; case  
 527 management; related services that improve employability; income  
 528 safety net services; quality child care during work and job training;  
 529 family support; and reentry programs, that are based on best practices  
 530 and aimed at reducing poverty or the risk of poverty for individuals  
 531 and families (A) who are living in census tracts with high poverty  
 532 rates, (B) whose incomes are at or below two hundred per cent of the  
 533 federal poverty level, and (C) who are in one or more of the following  
 534 target populations: (i) Adolescent parents, (ii) older adolescents and  
 535 young adults, or (iii) low-income working families; and

536 (2) "Supplemental nutrition assistance employment and training  
 537 community collaborative" means a consortium of public and private  
 538 providers, established pursuant to section 17b-105g, to implement  
 539 poverty reduction strategies.

540 Sec. 21. Sections 17b-9 and 17b-105i of the general statutes are  
 541 repealed. (*Effective from passage*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17b-7a
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	17b-14
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	17b-26
Sec. 4	<i>from passage</i>	17b-29
Sec. 5	<i>from passage</i>	17b-114o
Sec. 6	<i>from passage</i>	17b-261d
Sec. 7	<i>from passage</i>	17b-274a
Sec. 8	<i>from passage</i>	17b-277
Sec. 9	<i>from passage</i>	17b-278a
Sec. 10	<i>from passage</i>	17b-297
Sec. 11	<i>from passage</i>	17b-306a
Sec. 12	<i>from passage</i>	17b-342a

Sec. 13	<i>from passage</i>	17b-366
Sec. 14	<i>from passage</i>	17b-495
Sec. 15	<i>from passage</i>	17b-499a
Sec. 16	<i>from passage</i>	17b-602a
Sec. 17	<i>from passage</i>	17b-665
Sec. 18	<i>from passage</i>	17b-749f
Sec. 19	<i>from passage</i>	17b-351(a)
Sec. 20	<i>from passage</i>	17b-105e
Sec. 21	<i>from passage</i>	Repealer section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To eliminate certain Department of Social Services reporting requirements.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*